

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please find below a listing of all of the pending claims. The statuses of the claims are set forth in parentheses.

1. (Previously Presented) A method for conducting an electronic transaction, said method comprising:

storing a digital signature of a user in a memory of a remote control controlling at least one function of a television set wherein said at least one function includes at least one of volume control, channel selection and color selection;

performing said electronic transaction; and

transmitting said digital signature of said user from said remote control to complete said electronic transaction, wherein the digital signature remains stored in the memory after the transaction is completed or canceled.

2. (Previously Presented) The method for conducting an electronic transaction according to claim 1, further comprising:

presenting said electronic transaction on an Internet terminal, wherein said Internet terminal includes said television set;

receiving said digital signature by said Internet terminal; and

presenting a verification of conclusion of said electronic transaction.

3. (Original) The method for conducting an electronic transaction according to claim 2, wherein said digital signature of said user is transmitted utilizing wireless protocols.

4-6. (Canceled).

7. (Previously Presented) A device for transmitting a digital signature, said device comprising:

a memory;

a keypad configured to provide a user interface;

a wireless transceiver; and

a controller configured to transmit a digital signature stored in said memory through said wireless transceiver to complete an electronic transaction in response to a first input from said keypad, wherein the digital signature remains stored in the memory after the transaction is completed or canceled; and

said controller is further configured to transmit a signal to a television set for controlling at least one of volume control, channel selection and color selection of said television set.

8. (Original) The device for transmitting a digital signature according to claim 7, wherein said controller is further configured to receive said digital signature from a second device adapted to generate said digital signature in response to a second input from said keypad.

9-11. (canceled).

12. (Previously Presented) The device for transmitting a digital signature according to claim 7, further comprising an encryptor module for encrypting the digital signature.

13. (Previously Presented) A portable digital assistant comprising:

a memory;

a user interface;

a wireless transceiver; and

a controller configured to transmit a digital signature stored in said memory through said wireless transceiver to complete an electronic transaction in response to a first input from said user interface, wherein the digital signature remains stored in the memory after the transaction is completed or canceled; and

the controller is operable to perform at least one of phone list, address list, notepad and to-do list functions.

14. (Previously Presented) The portable digital assistant according to claim 13, further comprising an encryptor module for encrypting the digital signature.

15. (Previously Presented) The portable digital assistant according to claim 13, wherein said controller is further configured to receive said digital signature from a second device adapted to generate said digital signature in response to a second input from the user interface.

16. (Previously Presented) The portable digital assistant according to claim 13, wherein the wireless transceiver transmits said digital signature via an infrared source and further comprising a second wireless transceiver for transmitting said digital signature via an electromagnetic source.

17. (Previously Presented) The portable digital assistant according to claim 13, wherein the first input from said user interface is associated with completing an electronic transaction.

18. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:

memory means for storing a digital signature of a user in one of a remote control controlling at least one function of a television set and a personal digital assistant;

means for initiating an electronic transaction using the memory means and an Internet terminal connected to at least one of the remote control and the personal digital assistant; and

means for transmitting said digital signature of said user from said memory means to the Internet terminal for completing said electronic transaction, wherein the digital signature remains stored in the memory means after the transaction is completed or canceled.

19. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 18, further comprising means for encrypting the digital signature.

20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 18, further comprising means for receiving the digital signature from a second device.